

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

MINUTES JULY 13, 2015

In attendance: John Hall, Kate Wolfe, Ron Krom, Cindi Perugini, Pam Roth, Dave Sandler, Beth Emery, Howard Reid

Minutes of previous meeting accepted: Dave and Kate

Action Plan:

No changes, corrections or additions.

Calendar:

Nothing new to report.

Wadsworth Festival: August 30, 2015:

Looking for volunteers to fill time slots at the Open Air Market on 8/30/15 at 10-4 at the Wadsworth Mansion. John volunteered for the 10-12 slot. 2 hours shifts, 2 people per shift would be ideal.

Mattabeset Trail Count:

Saturday: 7/25/15: Pam and Dave volunteered for the 9-10 shift. Need 2 more people for the 10-11 shift. Best area for count would be at the intersection of Russet Road and West Lake Road in the area of the condos.

Middletown Complete Streets Policy/Ordinance:

Per the PW Commission the ordinance review has been tabled to the November meeting. The John updated the committee on the meeting with PW on July 8, 2015. Commission expressed their caution with any ordinance due to past issues with prior approvals. It was suggested by PW that CS take the opportunity to review the pending road bond projects and the parks bond projects to incorporate CS input on infrastructure improvements. Furthermore there will be a referendum on the November ballot for improvements to all the parks.

Funding is currently appropriated for the following areas which are of interest to the Complete Streets Committee and identified in the original Master Plan:

- Saybrook Road, East Main Street Extension and Main Street
- Millbrook Road: heavily traveled by cyclists; Signs are a low cost suggestion

- Farm Hill School area: Ridge/East Ridge: sidewalks to be evaluated by Howard for future input, very poor condition
- Russell Street/North Fowler by Stop and Shop: no sidewalks, unsafe for pedestrians to walk, bridge repair is included in the bond project
- Senior Center: no sidewalks to get to Pat Kidney Park (possibly addressed in parks bond)
- Macdonough School: crosswalk at Spring and Pearl Street
- Highland Avenue: pedestrian access by Wesleyan University
- Pamecha/Loveland: maintain sidewalks and a resolution to the excessive speed i.e.. speed humps
- Main Street crossings: need to stay aware of the problematic areas
- Westfield/Spencer/Barbara: good alternatives to using Old Mill Road and has access to the school by a path in the rear. Does path need improvement. No sidewalks on Barbara.
- Nathan Hale/Walnut Grove: definitely on the radar due to the Vets Park Bond project, what should be done: bike path? sidewalks?

Kids Health and Safety Day Bike Ride: June 13, 2015:

Ron stated the ride was attended by 25 people: 7-CS members; 9-Kids age 6-13, and the remaining adults. The ride was a success, however an increase in attendance is warranted. Additional marketing is necessary for the next year to get the word out to the community. Those who rode enjoyed the route and the police escort.

Although listed on the agenda, sufficient time was not available to address the following items:

Fall Bike Ride

Multi use Trail update

Application for Bike Friendly Community

Next meeting scheduled for August 10, 2015